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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
of
THE ARIZONA OUTDOOR RECREATION
COORDINATING COMMISSION
(AORCC)
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD**

Notice is hereby given to members of the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) and the general public that the Commission will hold a meeting open to the public on **Monday, April 12, 2010, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the State Parks Board Room, 1300 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona**, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-511.04 and A.R.S. § 41-511.25.

Anyone may participate via toll-free teleconference by calling 1.866.751.5726. The participant code is ***1731258*** and you must enter **both *s.**

The Commission may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the State Parks Assistant Attorney General on any of the agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3). The Commission will discuss and may take action on the following matters:

AGENDA

(The Chair reserves the right to set the order of the agenda)

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**
- C. ACTION ITEMS**
 - 1. Approval of Minutes from the October 22, 2009 Meeting.**
 - 2. Approval of Minutes from the January 13, 2010 Joint Public Meeting of AORCC and Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) and Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) and Natural Areas Program Advisory Committee (NAPAC) and Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) of the Arizona State Parks Board.**
 - 3. Presentation on Status of State Parks Budgets for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.** Staff will update AORCC regarding the budgets for State Parks and allow AORCC members to ask questions.
 - 4. Consider Retaining the FY 2010 Law Enforcement and Boating Safety Fund (LEBSF) Distribution.** Staff will ask AORCC to forward a recommendation to the State Parks Board for action at their April 21, 2010 meeting. Staff recommends for FY 2010 retaining the LEBSF distribution of grants for the purpose of meeting budget reductions while maximizing agency operating dollars and for FY 2011 approving the distribution of \$500,000 to Mohave and La Paz Counties.

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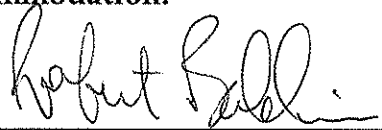
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- D. **REPORTS** - Commission and staff reports may be written or verbal.
1. **Parks Board Actions on AORCC Items** – there were no items recommended to the Parks Board from the October 22, 2009 meeting.
 2. **Legislative Update**
 3. **AORCC Presentation to the Parks Board** – Commissioner Rankin reported (via email) that, “all in all my presentation was well received and appreciated by the board. I got good feedback on it. It was a good experience all the way around”.
- E. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** - During the public meeting; the Commission may afford any person the opportunity to present statements relating to agenda items, with or without the opportunity to present them orally. Those wishing to address the Commission must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. Time permitting; each presentation will be given approximately five minutes. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or re-schedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.
- F. **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, MATTERS OF BOARD PROCEDURE, REQUESTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**
- G. **TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING** - TBA
- H. **ADJOURNMENT**

A copy of the agenda background material provided to the Commission is available for public inspection at Arizona State Parks, Partnerships Division, 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Robert Baldwin at 602-542-7130.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, or this document in an alternative format, by contacting Nicole Armstrong-Best, at 602-542-7152. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

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Robert Baldwin, ASP Staff Liaison
Partnerships Division, Arizona State Parks

**Consider Retaining the FY 2010 Law Enforcement and Boating Safety Fund
(LEBSF) Distribution**

Background

In 1981, the Arizona State Legislature established the Law Enforcement and Boating Safety Fund (LEBSF) to provide grants to County Boards of Supervisors for the purpose of supporting boating law enforcement and safety activities.

LEBSF revenues are derived from a portion of watercraft license taxes paid by boaters at the time boaters are registered. These funds accrue during the fiscal year and are distributed at the end of the fiscal year in which they have accrued. The allocation percentage for each county is based on personnel needs and boat use days data from the most recent Arizona Watercraft Survey. This survey is commissioned every three years. LEBSF fund allocations are recommended by the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) and subsequently awarded by the Arizona State Parks Board (Board) and administered through the Grants Section.

In June 2007 the AORCC approved to recommend to the Board adoption of the allocation percentages for the participating counties for distributing the LEBSF accrued during state fiscal years 2008, 2009, 2010. In September of 2007, the Board approved the new percentage distributions of LEBSF to the Counties, and authorized staff to distribute all available LEBSF funds during fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010.

The FY 2008 distribution in the amount of \$2,274,266 was made in June 2008 and the FY 2009 distribution in the amount of \$1,863,843 was made in June 2009. It is currently estimated that \$2 million will be available in June 2010.

Current Status

The 5th Special Session imposed \$8.6 million of budget reductions and fund transfers from funds designated for Arizona State Parks operations.

The 2010 7th Special Session imposes additional spending reductions and excess balance transfers sweeps in FY 2010 and FY 2011.

The attached Table A summarizes the FY 2009, FY 2010 and FY 2011 Legislative Sweeps and Reductions (Transfers to State General Fund), which total \$71.7 million.

For FY 2010 State law allows ASP to backfill spending reductions from LEBSF.

For FY 2011 State law allows ASP to use all but \$500,000 for agency operations.

See attached Table B for the current estimate of FY 2011 operating revenues, legislated sweeps of operating accounts & agency operating budget.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends for FY 2010 retaining the LEBSF distribution of grants for the purpose of meeting budget reductions while maximizing agency operating dollars,

and for FY 2011 approve the distribution of \$500,000 to Mohave and La Paz Counties based on historical percentages.

Recommended AORCC Action

I move that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board authorize the Executive Director to retain the LEBSF grants distribution for FY 2010 for the purpose of meeting budget reductions while maximizing agency operating dollars, and for FY 2011 approve the distribution of \$500,000 to Mohave and La Paz Counties based on historical percentages.

Arizona State Parks
FY 2009, FY 2010 and FY 2011 Legislative Sweeps and Reductions (Transfers to State General Fund)

Table A

Fund	FY 2009	FY 2010: July through March 2010				FY 2011: July through March 2010				Summary
	Total Transfers to State Gen. Fund	2009 & 2010 Session Changes to FY 2010			Total Transfers to State Gen. Fund	7th Special Session Changes to FY 2011				FY 2009 - 2011 YTD
		2009 1st Regular Session Changes to FY2010	2009 5th Special Session Changes to FY2010	2010 7th Special Session Changes to FY 2010		Sweeps (EBT) & GF Reduction	Expenditure Reductions (FRAT)	Heritage Revenue Diversion	Total Transfers to State Gen. Fund	FY 2009 - FY 2011
		1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round		HB 1001	HB 1001	HB 2012	FY 2011	Total
General Fund	\$5,112,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				\$0	\$5,112,200
Reservation Fund	\$48,900	\$96,600	\$0	\$0	\$96,600		\$96,600		\$96,600	\$242,100
State Lake Improvement Fund	\$16,820,300	\$3,048,200	\$1,915,800	\$0	\$4,964,000	\$345,000	\$528,500		\$873,500	\$22,657,800
Law Enforcement Boating Safety	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				\$0	\$500,000
Enhancement Fund	\$5,391,800	\$3,185,000	\$2,302,100	\$0	\$5,487,100		\$1,954,800		\$1,954,800	\$12,833,700
Off-Highway Vehicle Fund	\$1,692,900	\$584,100	\$0	\$0	\$584,100	\$745,300	\$116,600		\$861,900	\$3,138,900
Heritage Fund	\$4,978,100	\$3,628,900	\$3,909,400	\$3,852,250	\$11,390,550			\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$26,368,650
Partnerships Fund	\$5,900	\$14,000	\$156,900	\$81,200	\$252,100	\$54,300	\$14,000		\$68,300	\$326,300
Donations Fund	\$8,300	\$19,700	\$213,900	\$0	\$233,600		\$19,700		\$19,700	\$261,600
Publications Fund	\$11,200	\$22,700	\$131,500	\$48,700	\$202,900		\$60,200		\$60,200	\$274,300
Totals	\$34,569,600	\$10,599,200	\$8,629,600	\$3,982,150	\$23,210,950	\$1,144,600	\$2,790,400	\$10,000,000	\$13,935,000	\$71,715,550

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Table B

Arizona State Parks
FY 2011 Estimated Agency Operating
Revenues, Sweeps, and Expenditures

/1	FY 2011 Est. Revenues for Operations	\$17,209,100
/2	FY 2011 Sweeps to Operating Funds	(3,123,400)
/3	FY 2011 Est. Operating Expenditures	<u>(15,400,000)</u>
/4	FY 2011 End. Bal. of Operating Funds	<u>(\$1,314,300)</u>

- /1 Estimated FY 2011 revenues for Operations includes \$1.5 million of FY 2011 Law Enforcement Boating Safety Fund revenues.
- /2 2010 7th Special Session FRATs and EBTs that are applicable ONLY to funds in agency operating accounts (not Aid or Capital funds).
- /3 Estimated FY 2011 agency operating expenditures include:
Operation of TEN open parks,
Implementation of all currently scheduled layoffs and reductions in force,
All other operating costs at FY 2009 prices and levels, including building rent, risk management, land leases, and utilities.
- /4 Estimated budget shortage of \$1.3 million would require additional park closures, layoffs and reductions in force. Staff recommends retaining LEBSF funds to alleviate this operating shortfall and also to offset price increases to basic costs from FY 2009 levels.